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On August 22, 2008, the Salus Surgical Group announced its intent to close the Emergency Department (ED) at Century City Doctors Hospital, located at 2070 Century Park East, Los Angeles, by 12:00 PM on August 23, 2008. Upon the ED closure announcement, hospital staff began to depart from Century City Doctors Hospital, leaving the ED without sufficient staff coverage. This resulted in an earlier closure of the ED at 8:00 PM on August 22, 2008. Subsequent to the ED closure, Century City Doctors Hospital also ceased all other hospital services and operations on August 29, 2008 and filed a voluntary petition for debt protection under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation initially closed the hospital, previously known as Century City Hospital, in 2004 and sold it to the Salus Surgical Group. Under the new ownership, the hospital re-opened two years later in 2006 as Century City Doctors Hospital with 176 acute care beds, 20 licensed critical care beds and eight ED treatment bays. Last year, the hospital reported 9,167 ED visits, representing an average of 25 patients per day or 4% of the 9-1-1 transports within the 10-mile radius of the hospital. Based on this data, the closure of Century City Doctors Hospital may now potentially impact the community's access to medical services.

County Counsel determined a timeline to schedule a public hearing, as defined in

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the California Health and Safety Code Section 1300, for the Impact Evaluation Study does not apply in this instance.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Emergency Medical Services Agency to: 1) complete and submit an Impact Evaluation Study for adoption by the Board and 2) notify the California Department of Health Services of the results of the Impact Evaluation Study within three days of adoption by the Board.

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